



Montgomery County Forest Conservation Advisory Committee

April 27, 2011

The Honorable Isiah Leggett, County Executive
101 Monroe Street
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear County Executive Leggett:

I am writing on behalf of the Forest Conservation Advisory Committee to make you and the Boards, Committees and Commissions staff aware of two administrative issues of concern to the committee.

First, FCAC members would like to note - - that while the annual briefing to the County Executive this past February was valuable in alerting everyone to the county's current budget constraints, it did not provide -- as in past such meetings-- an opportunity for updates and exchanges on the work of the various committees. We recommend that this type of committee interaction and the format of the annual briefing to the Executive be reconstituted to allow for more discussion on actual committee progress.

Secondly, the executive branch selected a new chair for our committee for 2011 without having ever asked that individual if he was available and wished to serve in that capacity. As it turns out, the person selected to chair our committee was not able to carry out the duties of the chair. The FCAC subsequently recommended that I be reappointed as the chairperson. We are told that you have confirmed this decision. Respectfully, the committee asks that you confirm my reappointment as chair of the FCAC in writing.

We hope these suggestions will prove valuable for the county. Thank you for the opportunity to serve Montgomery County again.

Yours truly,

Caren Madsen

Cc: Montgomery County Forest Conservation Advisory Committee members